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Mr. Walter E. Grauman
The Mirisch Company, Inc.
1041 North Formosa
Hollywood 46, California

Dear Mr. Grauman:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to thank you very much for your letter of 7 September advising that your company contemplates a television series on espionage and counter-espionage, fictitious in nature, but with an authentic flavor based on some O.S.S. experiences of World War II.

While the Central Intelligence Agency is the custodian of some of the O.S.S. files, those in our possession are classified and are not now available for public use. There have been many requests similar to yours in the past and regretfully in each instance we have had to reply in the negative.

Thank you, however, for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Grauman:

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 1960 informing me that the Mirisch company contemplates a television series on espionage and counter-espionage, fictitious in nature, but with an authentic flavor based on some OSS experiences of World War II.

The Central Intelligence Agency is the custodian of some of the OSS files but those in our possession are all classified and may not be made available in whole or part for such a series as you contemplate. There have been many requests similar to yours in the past and regrettably in each instance we have replied that we may not be helpful.

Thank you, however, for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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September 7, 1960

Mr. Allen Dulles
 Director of the Central
 Intelligence Agency
 2430 E. Street
 N.W. Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Mirisch Company is contemplating the production of a television series whose basic format concerns espionage and counter-espionage activities such as the former Office of Strategic Services might have been involved in during the years prior to and including World War II. The series is to be fictitious, however it will be portrayed realistically and is to be documented with an authentic flavor so as to give the impression of reality. The incidents portrayed will not concern themselves with any occurrences after the cessation of hostilities of World War II.

We wish to enlist the aid of your Department, if possible, in assembling authentic material concerning the exploits of the men and women employed by the OSS during World War II. The series will not only reflect credit on the OSS and its members, but will serve the function of bringing back to the public memory the heroic deeds in which the OSS involved itself in the defense of our nation.

Any assistance which you might be able to provide us along these lines will be sincerely appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Walter E. Grauman
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